

## Judge W.H. Coburn Calls Sixteen Cases In Recorder's Court

### Several Cases Continued For Lawyers Who Were in The Federal Court

Idle for two weeks while the Superior tribunal was in session, the Martin County Recorder's Court with Judge W. H. Coburn on the bench and Don E. Johnson at the prosecutor's table, resumed its work last Monday. Judge Coburn called sixteen cases and completed the trial of the docket by noon, several of the cases having been continued for attorneys who were in the federal court at Washington. Despite a conflicting schedule, County A.B.C. Officer J. H. Roebuck handled an effective work in both courts by gaining four convictions in this county early that morning and a number in the court at Washington later in the day.

The proceedings: Charged with violating the liquor laws, Jesse James, colored, was adjudged guilty of aiding and abetting. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws, Robert Crowell was found guilty. He was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost.

Charged with drunken driving, J. E. Smithwick was found not guilty.

The case charging Willie Smith with an assault with a deadly weapon, was continued until next Monday.

In the case charging Lester Joseph Martin with operating a motor vehicle with improper equipment, the defendant pleaded guilty and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, Robert T. Sparrow was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his license revoked for one year.

Charged with assaulting a female, D. E. Bunting was found guilty of a simple assault, the court suspending judgment upon payment of the cost.

A continuance was granted in the case charging Orlander Brown and Tony Manson with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Entering a plea of not guilty, Rick C. Carson was adjudged guilty of being drunk and disorderly and of assaulting a female. He was sentenced to the roads for a period of six months. The court recognized the poor health of the defendant and ordered the clerk to point out the man's ill health in the commitment papers.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, James Purvis was adjudged guilty over his plea of innocence and was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. He appealed to the higher court and bond was required in the sum of \$200.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Smith Thompson was sentenced to the roads for thirty days. He pleaded guilty in the case.

Orlander Brooks was sentenced to the roads for a period of four months in the case charging him with being drunk and disorderly.

The case charging R. B. Biggs with an assault with a deadly weapon was nolo prosequere.

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## Wandering Gypsies Chased From County

Moving days were in order for a band of roving gypsies in the county this week. Slipping into the fair grounds when the gates were open to the public without cost last Monday evening, the gypsy band was chased out Tuesday morning. Operating on a scattered front and forcing their way into rural homes, the gypsies were ordered out of the county by officers Wednesday.

Said to have slipped a considerable sum of money from Farmer Alec Williams, a fortune teller was ordered to return the loot, one report stating that the fortune teller or "pick-pocket" lifted \$180 from the farmer. Another report said the farmer missed only \$100, the amount he recovered after calling for Sheriff C. B. Roebuck.

According to the story heard on the streets, Farmer Williams went to have his fortune told in one of the little tents along the midway. The fortune teller or fortune seeker instructed the victim to take his pocketbook out and gradually extract a dollar bill, the agreed price for the super information. "Look right at me," the fortune teller told Farmer Williams. Reaching a climax in the semi-mystic rites, the gypsy urged the farmer to lift his head up and close his eyes. The farmer claimed that the money was lifted from his pocketbook at that moment. There was more money in the wallet, and the owner did not miss the lost portion until a short time later. The show management turned over the \$100 to the owner.

## Missionary Tells Of Suffering In China

### DRY MONTH

A new dry record for September in the record at the weather station on Roanoke River here last month when only 0.41 of an inch of rain fell. Only in nine other months during the past eleven years has the weather station recorded less than an inch of rain, and only once in that period did a dry spell reach such proportions as the one experienced in this section since the 20th of last August. In October and November of 1933, less than one inch was recorded in the two months combined. But for a dry year, as a whole, 1941 is well on toward an all-time record. During the first nine months of this year, 24.68 inches of rain have fallen here, meaning that a fall of 23.10 inches will have to fall between now and next January 1st if the precipitation for the 12 months approaches a normal fall.

## German Invasion Of Russia Is Boggling Down on Long Front

### Hitler Boasts to the World That Russia Is Beaten and Will Not Rise Again

Germany's well-laid invasion plans are apparently going haywire in Russia, late reports from the long battle front stating that the invaders are retreating at several strategic points after suffering staggering losses in both men and munitions. One report stated that in one area sufficient equipment was captured by the Russians to keep the German blitz in high gear for a week or more.

Prepared to defend their second largest city, Leningrad, to their death, Russian forces have staged counter-attacks in that area and have driven the invaders back to points as far away as thirty miles from the town.

The Germans, said front-line reports, are rushing up reinforcements in an effort to stop general Red counter-attacks which already have greatly improved the Russian position all about the city.

(The British wireless reported also that the Russians had retaken Strelina, 20 miles west of Leningrad, and that 20 miles to the east of the city the Nazis had been thrown back to a depth of nearly 30 miles from Kolpino eastward to Lake Ladoga.)

On the central front, Russian counter-attacks were reported rolling on, and the official Communist newspaper Pravda declared that Red planes set fire to the forests in some areas to drive the Germans out at the conclusion of a 17-day battle.

The Dnieper River in the South, dispatches from the official news agency Tass asserted, was carrying away thousands of German dead.

Italian forces had appeared on the west bank of the Dnieper, it was added, and in one of their first actions suffered the loss of a platoon.

(The Italians have claimed to be well to the east of the Dnieper.)

The picture drawn by earlier front-line dispatches was this:

South, where the supreme Soviet task is defense of the industrial Donets basin: The German battalions falling back to their old positions after an all-day assault which failed to crack the Donets line, leaving dead and captured by the hundreds, and dozens of field guns, mortars, machine guns and smaller weapons on the field.

Central: Two German battalions routed by a counter-attacking Red army tank unit and an infantry battalion near the village of "V", with the reported destruction of enough material to last the Germans for eight days, including 20 tanks and

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## FINISHED

The Roanoke River fill paving project has been finished! Experiencing repeated interruptions and any number of machinery breakdowns, the contractors completed the project at 3:40 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Two-way traffic will be turned on the road on Wednesday, October 15th, but most of the road will have been opened to double travel before that time. Workers are making ready to set the guard rails at the bridge approaches but that work will not interfere with traffic.

A thirty-foot strip at the end of the river bridge has been left unpaved, highway engineers stating that if it had been paved the pavement would have to be broken up when work on widening the bridge is started. The strip will be surfaced with rock and other materials and will not slow up traffic over the route.

## Willing To Take Up Arms To Help Check Menace of Japanese

### Dr. C. A. Leonard, Sr., Says Hitler Success Will Mean War With Japan

Recognizing in Japan's policies the greatest threat to upright Christianity, Dr. Charles A. Leonard, Sr., returned missionary, declared in an interview here yesterday, that he would be willing to see his son and to take up arms himself in checking the great Japanese menace facing the world today. Home for a few months' vacation after seven years of uninterrupted service in China, Dr. Leonard, one of the Baptists' most valuable missionaries, condemned the Japanese aggression in China as the most ruthless movement known to the modern world. In Dr. Leonard's opinion, only the defeat of Hitler will prevent war between Japan and the United States. He explained that the current bluffing game can only last so long. Impressed by the preparations the United States is making in the Pacific, the missionary is of the belief that this country means business.

His experience with the down-trodden and suffering Chinese people has convinced Dr. Leonard that nothing good can come out of Japan, that the world could make no ruthless rulers who are robbing the peace-loving and humble Chinese of their heritage and enslaving them.

"It is impossible for us in America to even imagine conditions as they exist in occupied China. We have nothing to compare it with," Dr. Leonard said. In unoccupied China which comprises about four-fifths of the country not including Manchuria, conditions are much as they were before. "However, the war is demanding much of the people, and suffering is widespread there," the missionary explained.

The stories coming out of occupied China are almost unbelievable. According to Dr. Leonard, the Chinese people have been robbed of their property and reduced to slavery; the aggressors allowing them hardly enough of the poorest food to keep them alive.

"Some forty millions of homeless people have moved into West China—the greatest migration of people in history. This has been a sad trek for parents and children. Thousands of parents, starting with several children, have arrived in the West with only one or two left. The others, unable to walk further, dropped behind, crying piteously after their parents, 'Please, daddy, mommy, don't leave me, I won't cry any more.' Surely the road to the West has been one of suffering, sacrifice and death for thousands of families."

Continuing, Dr. Leonard quoted a report from China, "China's coastal provinces have 60,000,000 refugees, and 80 per cent of these are women and children. Relief societies have only one bowl of rice gruel for one out of ten. Millions will surely perish unless food is provided immediately."

"Our missionaries report finding from one to twenty dead bodies at the front gate every morning. In Shanghai the trucks go forth early every morning and pick up about two hundred and sixty dead bodies from the streets of the city—starved or frozen to death during the night."

"Touched by the suffering of humanity on such a large scale back in that great country where he has spent many of his best years, Dr. Leonard, it is apparent, is yearning to return to his work there. "Missionary work there was never more encouraging than now. While nearly all of the missionaries were driven out of occupied China by the Japanese, native religious leaders are trying to carry on the work, and in Free China there are many American missionaries in the field," Dr. Leonard said.

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## Recovering From Rattlesnake Bite

Bitten by a rattlesnake while working in the logwoods near Jamesville Wednesday morning, Mr. Matt Bissell is recovering at his home in Griffins Township. He is still undergoing treatment and will hardly be able to return to his work within a week or ten days.

After wearing leather boots for many weeks, Mr. Bissell last Wednesday decided to relieve his sore feet by changing to a pair of cloth shoes. About 10 o'clock that morning a rattlesnake, said to have been 12 to 15 inches in circumference, plucked him on the instep of his right foot. Rushing out of the woods, Mr. Bissell was in Dr. E. T. Walker's office in less than thirty minutes for treatment. The foot was cut in several places around the bite to permit free bleeding, and while he was a bit sick and his foot badly swollen, Mr. Bissell was said to be getting along all right yesterday when he returned to have the wound dressed.

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An earnest call to democratic principles as they relate to Christian Education, the Home, Civic Organizations and Freedom was heard at the annual meeting of the Fifteenth District North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs held here today. Attended by 181 representatives from fourteen clubs, the meeting emerged from the routine class to promulgate meaningful policies and to sound a warning against the toleration of common obstacles to our progress and defense.

In two resolutions, the meeting urged that the State Board of Education be composed of representatives from each of the twelve congressional districts and three ex-officio members and for the centralization of the school system under one definite head. The second resolution calls for increased state appropriations for adult education that the deplorable situation surrounding the illiterate and underprivileged might be improved.

Mrs. P. R. Rankin, of Mt. Gilead, state president, made a very inspiring talk which was based on religion in the home as a beginning for a Democratic nation. She declared that our country, our manpower and willpower will not be sound unless its roots are grounded in sound homes. As a beginning for making religion vital in our national life, she said that the first step was religion taught in the homes through family worship. This she emphasized all through her talk. When children are molded in the right way their attitude would help to make for a real world democracy. She said we do not have to present to our children a hopeless world but amid all the carnage and strife we have to give them something to comfort them and give them light. She thought nothing except religion would provide this comfort at this time. In good times when all's well with the world it seems natural for people to forget the church, but she emphasized the work that club women can do now, in this dark hour in bringing the world back to the church. With about thirty per cent of the church members attending services, one can see what a field there is for work to be done.

She gave these points as steps toward helping national defense and retaining our democracy.

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Second, Train our children, our families and our communities to depend on religion for comfort and guidance in our relationship with our fellowmen.

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